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Most trusts have not yet completed assembly of pulp pipes, and the Ivanovo, Gorkiy, and Sverdlovsk peat trusts have not yet assembled their transit and main pulp pipes. The Tesovo 1 and Irinovskiy peat enterprises lag behind plan in pile driving, and all trusts are slow in installing electric power (2-6 kilowatt) and communication lines. Only 90.8 percent of the electric power lines and 90.5 percent of communication lines had been installed by 1 March.

Labor force procurement for peat enterprises and peat construction enterprises is not going as well as last year. The Glavtorf had concluded only 86.1 percent of the workers' contracts by 1 March, and only 71.6 percent of the interblast contracts were drawn up. The Glavtorfostroy (Main Administration for Construction of Peat Enterprises) had drawn up only 58.9 percent of its contracts. Only 10,000 of a required 14,500 skilled workers were trained by 20 February.

The poor construction work of the Glavtorfostroy and Gortorfostroy (Gor'kiy Construction of Peat Enterprises) and operations of the Glavelektroset'stroy (Main Administration for the Construction of Electric Power Systems), Mosenergo, and Sverdlovennergo were sharply criticized in the Collegium of the Ministry. Construction and assembly of the Aleksandrov and Berendeyevo substations of Mosenergo is going so slowly that it threatens to disrupt the supply of electric power to the Berendeyevo Peat Enterprise.

Glavtorf was criticized for lack of progress in mechanizing the peat industry. The outlook for operations in the peat industry in the next 5 to 10 years depends on mechanization because the system of using 120,000-150,000 seasonal workers each year cannot be maintained.

To insure uninterrupted operation of equipment during the peat season, the enterprises must finish reconditioning, assembly, and testing of all hydropneumatic-extracting equipment between 1 and 10 April, all lump-extracting equipment (dredges, elevators) between 10 and 20 April, and all milled-peat-extracting equipment before 5 May. All blasting and other methods of frozen ground removal should be done before 20 April 1950. The plan for skilled workers must be completed. By 1 May 4,310 workers must be trained, including 1,442 tractor operators, 779 mechanics, 732 milled-peat-gathering-machine operators, 437 machinists, 258 electricians, 199 spreader and dredging machine operators, and 463 OF and TUM operators.

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